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The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Chair, Delta Vision Committee
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Comments on Delta Vision Strategic Plan (October 2008)

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Delta Vision Strategic Plan (October 2008). The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and San Francisco Bay ("Delta") is an important economic and environmental resource that benefits California, providing agricultural and municipal water supplies for much of the State's population, recreational uses, wildlife habitat and infrastructure pathways. The Sacramento Metro Chamber is interested in the sustainability of the Delta for all of its uses, and has adopted "Policy Principles on Delta Solution Proposals" (June 18, 2008), a copy of which is attached.

The Sacramento Metro Chamber has reviewed the position paper of the Public Water Coalition of California ("Coalition"), entitled "Common Pursuit of Delta Solutions" (November 20, 2008). The Coalition position paper is consistent with the Sacramento Metro Chamber's Policy Principles on Delta Solution Proposals, except that we note that the Coalition position paper is more specific in supporting in concept a "dual-conveyance approach" (i.e., improving the existing channel through the Delta and constructing a new conveyance channel around the Delta), while the Metro Chamber policy principles do not support a specific conceptual Delta conveyance solution. However, the Sacramento Metro Chamber policy principles do support "development and operation of Delta conveyance infrastructure to provide environmental protection and water-supply reliability in a manner that does not adversely affect upstream water users."

Subject to the foregoing, the purpose of this letter is to apprise the Delta Vision Committee of the Sacramento Metro Chamber's support for the Coalition's November 20, 2008 position paper. We urge the Delta Vision Committee to consider the comments and recommendations of the Sacramento Metro Chamber and the Coalition as you review the Delta Vision Strategic Plan, particularly as they relate to Delta governance, water conservation measures, cost/benefit allocations and system conveyance.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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